



Rochester (Pa.) Commoner: The democrats should speak on the local issues of the day. They should make themselves heard and understood. The people are interested in the affairs of their own boroughs and townships. They wish to improve their school, streets, sanitary condition and adjust the public taxes. They are seeking some party through which the pressing reforms at home can be secured.

Lexington (Ky.) Gazette: The democratic party can not hope to receive the assistance or the influence of those that are under the dominion of predatory wealth. It must look for its successor alone to the great masses of the people who have long been burdened by unjust discrimination, indefensibly exercised against them.

Van West (O.) Times-Democrat: A man was fined \$5 and sent to the workhouse for thirty days from Celina this week for stealing a half bushel of potatoes from a neighbor's garden last summer. He ought to have stolen a bank or a railroad.

Carrollton (O.) Chronicle: The big newspapers are refusing Thomas W. Lawson's advice, though he tenders full rates in cash. The big trusts have taken their advertising out of Everybody's Magazine because it is publishing Lawson's articles. Wall street is striking back which means that Wall street is hurt.

Sullivan (Ind.) Democrat: Democracy must stand for definite political principles to win the confidence of the voters. The imitation of republican tactics only increase the weakness of the minority party.

Aurora (Neb.) Register: Away over on the back page of newspapers it is announced that the Hill currency bill is to be given right of way after the holidays and that congress will keep at it until some currency measure is passed. Just how much it will resemble the Fowler bill a very short time will reveal. The only question seems to be whether it will be bad or worse.

O'Neill (Neb.) Independent: There is but one way to settle the railroad question and settle it right and for all time and that is government ownership and operation. That this will be the final result no man doubts and yet many of us vote so as to make it a long time in coming.

Comanche (Tex.) Pioneer-Exponent: President Roosevelt recommends in his message that every silver dollar be made redeemable in gold. Many people believe silver money is now redeemable in gold, because it is said we have the gold basis. But they are mistaken. The silver dollar has no redeemer except the redemption that comes from receiving it from public dues, and this is all the redemption any government money needs. Money is a certificate and it may be stamped or printed on any material. The fact that the silver used to stamp a dollar on sells for only 40 cents "cuts no ice." The gold in a gold dollar would probably not sell for ten cents if all nations would cease coining gold. To tie silver to Rothschild's gold is to further place the welfare of the people in the hands of the money power.

Greensburg (Kan.) Signal: It has been clearly demonstrated that reor-

ganization along conservative lines is not what the democratic party needs.

Hastings (Neb.) Democrat: The wire fence factory of Fremont closed January 1. In their closing statement the company says "the fact is we are not able to compete with the fence trust. We have to pay as much for our plain wire as the trust will sell the manufactured fence." The trust can crush opposition when it will. Small factories that ought to thrive all over the country seem to have no show against the great trusts. Republicans tell us of good and bad trusts, but we have never yet heard of a good trust.

Troy (O.) Democrat: The "ship-subsidy" crowd is buzzing around the capitol as if they owned the whole government—maybe they do for all we know.

Rochester (Ind.) Sentinel: Freedom of the press, of conscience, and of speech; equality before the law of all citizens, right of trial by jury, freedom of the person defended by the writ of habeas corpus; liberty of personal contract untrammelled by sumptuary laws; supremacy of the civil over the military authority, a well disciplined militia; separation of church and state; economy in expenditures, low taxes, that labor may be lightly burdened; prompt and sacred fulfillment of public and private obligations; fidelity to treaties; peace and friendship with all nations, untangling alliances with none; absolute acquiescence in the will of the majority, the vital principle of republics—these are doctrines which democracy has established as proverbs of the nation, and they should be constantly invoked and enforced.

Pontiac (Ill.) Observer: There is considerable discussion going on by congressmen outside of congress about revising the tariff. It will not be done. This discussion is like the president's message regarding the trusts and railroads. It is simply talk.

Clay Center (Kan.) Dispatch: It is rather discouraging that in connection with the republican senatorial election in Missouri there should also be so much talk of boodle. In all the history of Missouri this is the first time scandal has tainted the choosing of a representative in the United States senate.

Columbus (O.) Citizen: The democratic party in Ohio needs no reorganization, nor does anyone propose to reorganize it. But if democrats will drop quibbling and largely imaginary dissension and act in unity, they may be able to save themselves and their neighbors from exploitation, at the hands of the grafters who are now raiding the state.

#### Sugar

This country produced 600,000,000 pounds of sugar last year, or over seven pounds for every man, woman and child in the country. But this was not a marker to what it imported, or to the total consumption, which was 4,250,000,000 pounds, or 76 pounds per capita. "It is difficult for the average man to realize," says the Washington Post, "that he uses half his weight in sugar every year." The American sweet tooth is the biggest in the world. Judging by other people, Americans eat and drink too much sweet stuff. In addition to half their weight in sugar every year, there is maple sugar also, and the natural sweetening in fruit and other articles of diet.—Topeka Capital.

#### Mr. Bryan at Memphis

On January 6, Mr. Bryan addressed the Jackson club of Memphis. He took as his text "Watchman, what of the night?" The Memphis Commercial Appeal, in its report of this banquet, says:

"The banquet tendered by the Jackson club in honor of William J. Bryan last night at the Hotel Gayoso was one of the most notable gatherings ever assembled in the city of Memphis to do honor to a distinguished visitor.

"It was an occasion of which the club may well feel proud. It was graced by a really excellent spread. It was embellished with the finest flow of oratory probably ever heard at a political function in this part of the state. It witnessed the assembling of as fine a body of representative democrats as were ever gathered in the south. It was adorned with the presence of the peerless leader of the democratic party, the man who in the opinion of millions of his fellow democrats, stands for all that is boldest and best, for all that is purest and proudest in party principles, William Jennings Bryan.

"The banquet hall was simply but effectively decorated with American flags and palms, the tables bearing at intervals draped flower pots containing pink blooming azaleas. There were 221 guests at the tables, and during the later courses of the banquet a number of others dropped in, hoping

to hear the oration of the evening, that made by Mr. Bryan.

"It was distinctively a Bryan occasion. The guest of the evening dominated, not offensively but by the commanding geniality of his presence no less than by the towering strength of his individuality, the thought, the eloquence and the general spirit of the evening.

"The toastmaster of the banquet was Hon. Hardwig Perres, who opened the festivities in the following neat little introductory speech:

"It is wise for well-intentioned men to take counsel of the past, discarding that which has been tried and found valueless, finding inspiration in that which has helped and strengthened.

"It is idle to try to separate men and epochs. They are indissoluble and the quibble is academic. We look back to the lives of those who have impressed their individuality upon their fellow-men by their success and achievement and find that those who in every department of activity have made the greatest and highest success were men of singleness of mind and in all respects honest.

"No man can retain the respect, much less the love, of his neighbors or his people, who is a beggar in character, a charlatan in capacity, a rogue in intention, an imbecile in conceit, a giant in insincerity, a tentacled tarantula in every form of graft and dishonesty from petit larceny to continued

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